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Student law may be revised

Residency requirements
for students may change

By ANNE IRELAND

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah State Legislature will reconsider a law extending residency requirements for out-of-state students after several states schools experienced dramatic drops in freshman enrollment. Rep. Loraine Pace, R-Logan, is sponsoring House Bill 75 because of the negative effects current residency requirements have had on the Logan community, the home of Utah State University.

In last year's legislative session, House Bill 331 increased the number of credit hours out-of-state students must take to gain residency status to 60 hours.

The current bill proposes decreasing the 60-credit requirement down to 45.

Pace said the legislation did not affect any other school in the state like it did USU, which is 30 miles from the Idaho border.

"We have more out-of-state students that come here," Pace said. "We tend to interchange with western schools. So, students start saying 'Well, if they are not going to let me be a resident I'll stay home and save money.'

Stan Albrecht, executive vice president

and provost of USU, said freshmen enrollment was particularly impacted.

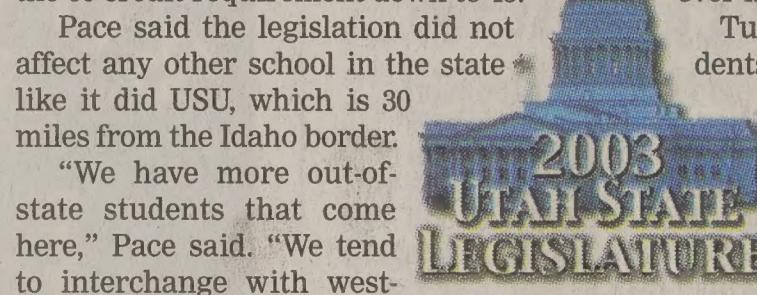
"We had a significant number that applied and a lower number that actually came," Albrecht said. "It is the lowest yield we've ever had."

Tuition for USU is \$7,700 for non-residents, and \$2,300 for residents, a \$5,400 difference.

Rep. Jeff Alexander, R-Provo, sponsored last year's bill that raised credit requirements.

The Commissioner of Education and the Board of Regents approached Alexander with the specific language of 60 credit hours for Utah schools. They wanted to have a clearer definition of student residency

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Amendment to clarify gun law

By MICHAEL D. TODD

A proposed gun law amendment in the Utah Senate may resolve conflicts between public school administrators and the state by clarifying rules that allow individuals with permits to carry concealed weapons on school grounds. If you are a concealed permit holder you can carry a concealed weapon anywhere in the state except for secured areas," said the sponsor, Sen. Michael Waddoups, R-Salt Lake. "Secured areas include courthouses and airports and places like that."

Before 1996 it was illegal for a dangerous weapon to be brought onto public school campuses, Waddoups said. Some school administrators are still seeking prosecution against concealed weapon carriers under the old law.

Waddoups said the main purpose of the new law is to clarify rules that have already been in place in Utah. It is already legal for members of law enforcement and individuals with concealed carry permits to bring firearms onto campuses.

These are the best people in the country as far as having passed background checks and all of that," Waddoups said. "They're totally safe."

However, some confusion about the law still exists.

Provo High School Assistant Principal Clark Baron said the 1996 law as he understands it, does not allow an individual to have a weapon on their person or in their vehicle when on school grounds.

But Waddoups said the 1996 law allows for permitted concealed weapons on school campuses because they are not considered secured areas.

Waddoups said that people want to carry weapons for self-defense but should have the right to do so. Nobody even knows they have a permit.

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Nathan Raisor, a BYU student, has a concealed gun permit. A proposed gun law amendment states that students can carry concealed weapons on public school campuses.

New group to represent blacks in Utah

Republican assembly
be voice for citizens

By ZACHARY WEST

The Utah Republican Black Assembly formed earlier this month with the goal of creating a place in the political system to voice the opinion of the nearly 100,000 black citizens in Utah.

It is time for the black community to step up and improve their part of society, said Henry Autry, the assembly's vice chairman. "We can accomplish more on the inside than the outside."

Four black members of the GOP decided to form the Utah Republican Black Association in attempts to give the black community more representation

in the Utah legislature.

"This Assembly is the essence of grassroots politics," said Scott Simpson, Utah Republican Party executive director. "They saw the success of the Hispanic caucus and wanted to build on that."

Members of the URBA hope to find positions within the Republican Party leadership.

"Some of us saw an opportunity to have a future in the Republican party," said E. Ozwald Balfour, the assembly's chairman, at a press conference Monday in Salt Lake. "We can, within the party, make a contribution."

Those contributions include publicizing their presence in Utah, establishing committees to work with minority issues, recruiting more members and devising an agenda tailored to the needs of the black community.

The first issues the Assembly plans

to undertake are education, employment and health and human services. It also plans to include other minority groups.

"We will work with the mainstream Republican Party, Latino Republicans and hope to extend branches to Asians, Pacific Islanders and other minority groups found in Utah," Autry said. "We want to form a summit in order to understand the issues across the minority community."

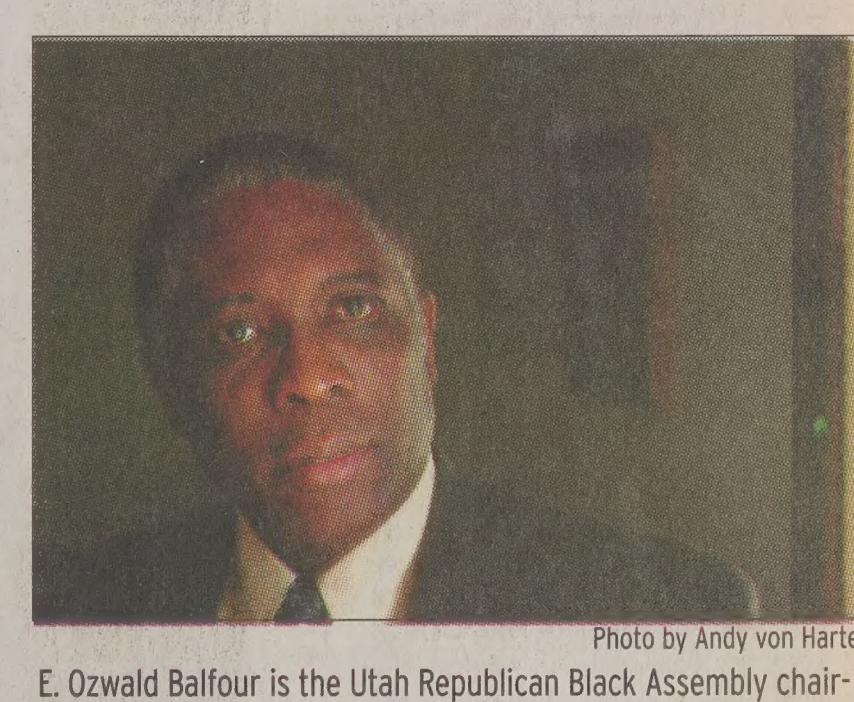
Members of the Assembly hope to educate youth and students about the Republican Party.

"The formation of the URBA may not change the ideas of people who have chosen a political party," said Zachary Smith, a black Republican. "We want to educate the black youth about the Republican Party so they can choose for themselves."

Smith, the vice chair of the State of Utah Black Advisory Council said he wants people to know the Republican Party does not discriminate against minorities.

"Ninety-five percent of blacks vote Democrat. This assembly will provide another avenue of thought and give the black community the affirmation that we share the same values and morals as the Republican Party," Smith said.

Some students on campus agree they are willing to support a program if it will help the black community.



E. Ozwald Balfour is the Utah Republican Black Assembly chairman. The new assembly will work with minority issues.

"If they are sincere about what they are doing, it is honorable," said James Bennin, 23, a black senior from Alexandria, Va., majoring in computer science. "If it could bring about change, I would like to be a part of something like that."

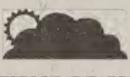
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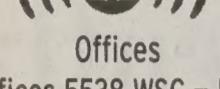
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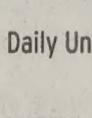
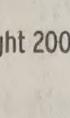
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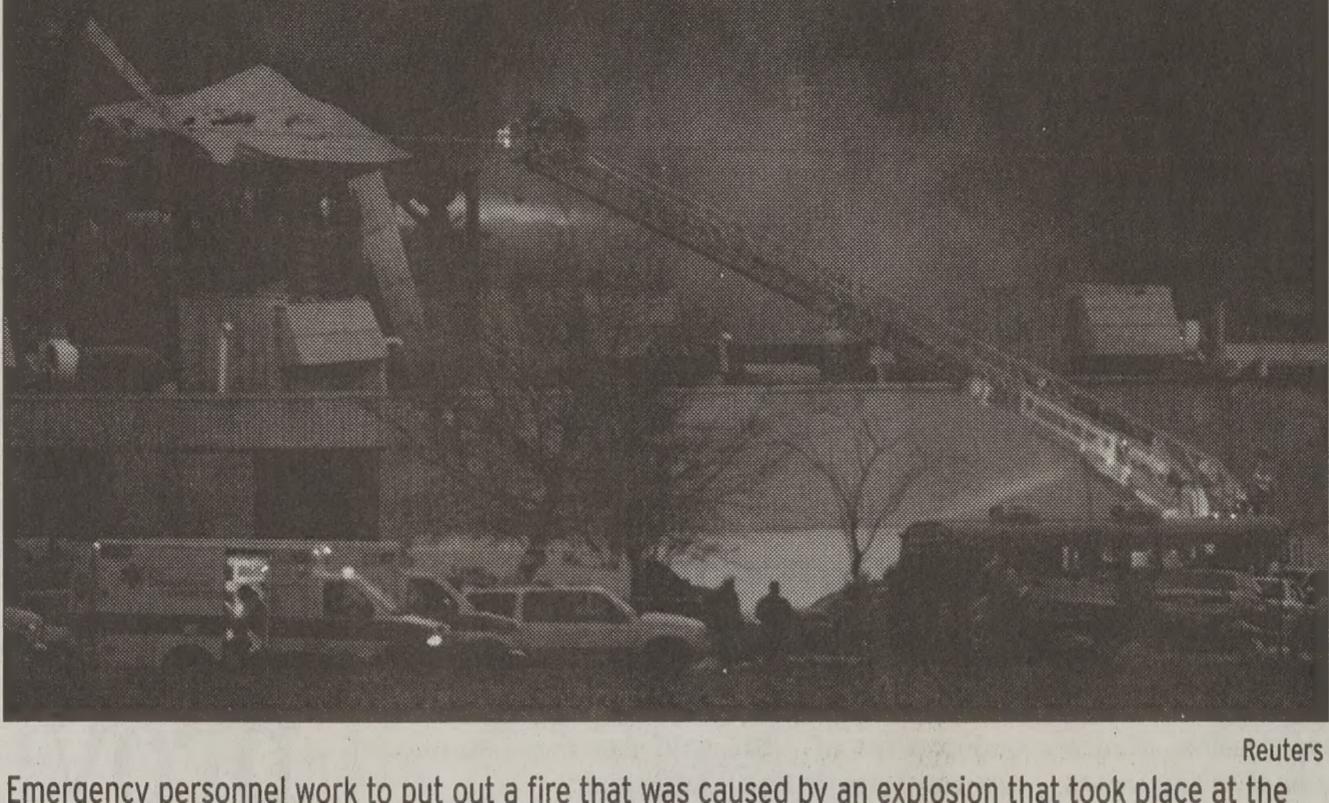
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The world is our campus



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Emergency personnel work to put out a fire that was caused by an explosion that took place at the West Pharmaceutical plant in Kinston, North Carolina on Wednesday. There have been many reported injuries with possible fatalities.

Explosion at North Carolina factory kills at least two

KINSTON, N.C. (AP) — An explosion followed by a raging fire demolished a plastics factory Wednesday, killing at least two people and injuring at least 27. As many as six others were feared trapped in the burning ruins, which sent black, acrid smoke billowing over the countryside.

Six hours after the thunderous blast, Gov. Mike Easley said two deaths had been confirmed and six people were still missing. Earlier, a hospital spokeswoman had said as many as eight were feared dead.

The cause of the blast at the West Pharmaceutical plant was not immediately known. The factory, which made syringe plungers and IV supplies, had been cited for numerous safety violations last fall.

Sampson Heath said the explosion sent a plume of fire

toward his work station and knocked him off his feet. When he stood up, he saw wires and tiles hanging from the ceiling and could hear trapped co-workers screaming for help.

"Your life did flash before your eyes," Heath said as he stood in the yard of a nearby church, getting hugs and kisses from relatives.

The blast was felt for miles and the building was still burning three hours later, with the columns of smoke punctuated by fireballs. Nearby trees and brush were aflame.

Emergency officials urged residents within a mile of the plant to evacuate because of the smoke, which included fumes from burning plastic.

Lee Edwards, who lives about a tenth of a mile from the plant, said the blast sent debris from two 800-foot water towers flying through the air.

Kidnapped infant recovered

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A baby kidnapped while his mother went to smoke a cigarette was found in good condition Wednesday at a YWCA facility in downtown Salt Lake City. The suspects accused in the abduction were taken into custody.

Earlier Wednesday, police said the transients who allegedly took the infant boy from the ZCMI shopping mall Tuesday night were trying to teach the mother a lesson.

The three suspects sought for questioning in the kidnapping were identified by witnesses at a YWCA facility Wednesday afternoon.

The suspects carried 2 1/2 month-old Nicholas into the facility and acted nervously while waiting for help with diapers, formula and other baby items.

YWCA officials recognized the suspects from television reports about the case and called police. The suspects and the mother were part of a group of seven homeless people who socialized with each other, said Salt Lake City Police Lt. Jim Jensen.

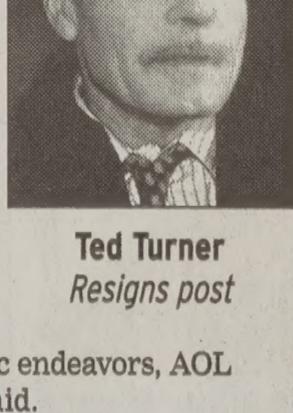
Ted Turner steps down

NEW YORK (AP) — AOL Time Warner reported a staggering fourth-quarter loss of \$44.9 billion Wednesday, largely because of the declining value of the world's biggest media company. Separately, the company announced Ted Turner is stepping down as vice chairman.

AOL Time Warner took a \$45.5 billion charge to account for the company's plunging value. Without that "goodwill writedown," AOL said its results actually beat Wall Street estimates.

As for Turner, the former cable TV mogul wants to spend more time on his philanthropic endeavors, AOL chief Richard Parsons said.

"He's concluded now is the right time to make more space for his other activities," Parsons said in a conference call with analysts.



Ted Turner

Resigns post

Afghan battle winds down

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — Hundreds of U.S. troops pressed toward rebel fighters in rugged mountain caves Tuesday, while warplanes bombed dug-in enemy positions in the fiercest battle in Afghanistan in nearly a year.

At least 18 rebels were killed in the assault. The U.S. military believes the fighters are loyal to renegade warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, a powerful Pashtun strongman who has vowed to link his forces with remnants of al-Qaida and the ousted Taliban regime.

About 80 rebels were believed to be remaining in the southeastern cave network, under attack from 350 troops, including soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division, U.S. Special Forces and allied Afghan militia.

"It's the largest concentration of enemy forces since Operation Anaconda," military spokesman Col. Roger King said, referring to a fierce eight-day battle in March against Taliban and al-Qaida holdouts in a different area of southeastern Afghanistan, about 250 miles northeast of the current fighting.

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The idea has come up before. Several years ago, officials proposed sewing microchips into the seams of uniforms — a plan that was never carried out, Cruz said.

It's unclear whether new uniforms would work: Most Mexico City residents fear police so much they're unlikely to get close enough to check for counterfeits.

New uniforms for police

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico City's police chief is suggesting a new dress code for his officers: counterfeit-proof uniforms.

Chief Marcelo Ebrard said Tuesday that the new suits could help end a disturbing trend of crooks masquerading as cops.

"This is an idea or plan that is still under study, so there are no details yet on how it would be carried out," said police spokesman Omar Cruz.

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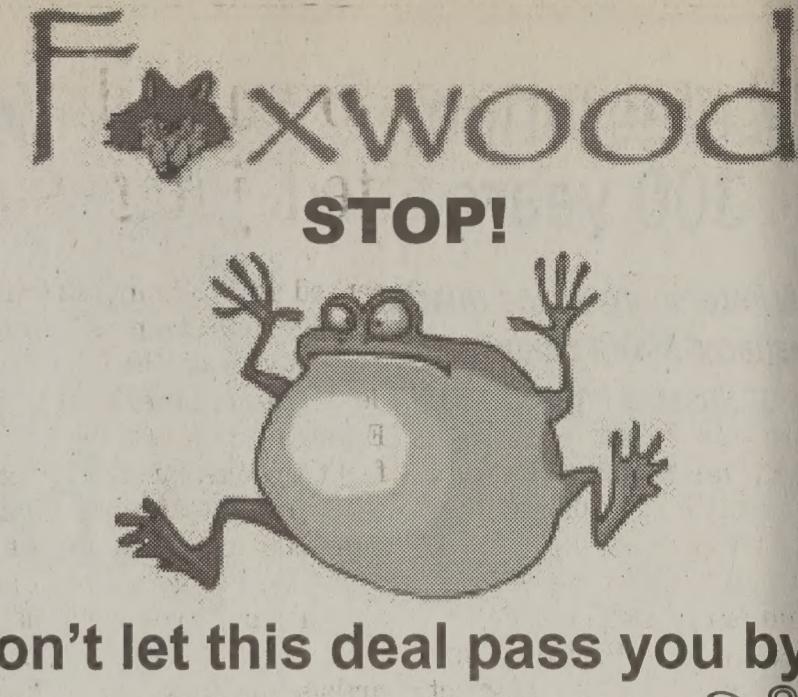
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A Chinese man transports plastic bottles and containers for recycling in Haikou, the capital of China's southern Hainan province, on Wednesday. With a fifth of the world's population, the amount of waste in China has become an enormous problem.



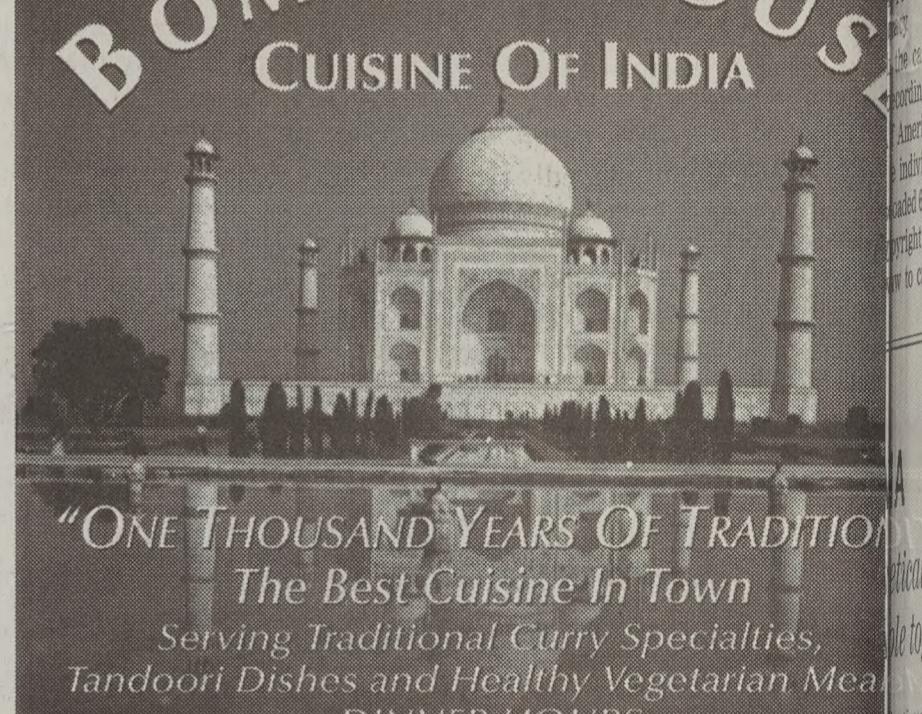
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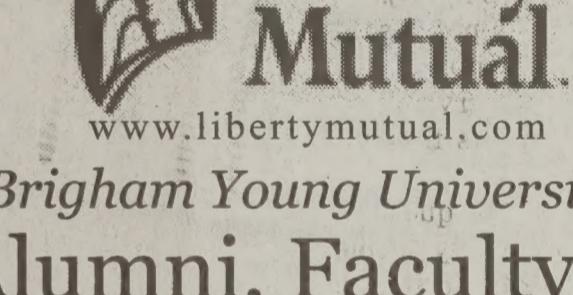
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[Editorial]

Going to the chapel

Bush seeks to blur church and state division

Bush announced recently that he plans to change the criteria for federal grants in order to make funds available to religious institutions. The federal money would help fund facilities connected to religious sanctuaries, as long as the money was used to pay for projects like AIDS counseling centers and single-parent family programs.

Supporters say that religions have been unfairly treated when it comes to federal funding, and the measure will work to balance the scales. However, while Bush and others may be right in saying that religions have not been treated fairly when it comes to grant allocation, the rule is unlikely to hold legal water and would probably create situations unfavorable to most religious organizations.

The main problem with the idea is that it does not sufficiently separate sacred space from secular counseling and treatment space because they would be in the same building. Use of either part, even if it were built or renovated for separate purposes, could overlap the other and it could become very difficult to draw the line between social and religious programs.

"It's like trying to take the sugar out of cupcakes," said Billy Terry, overseer of religious issues for the National Congress for Community Economic Development in a New York Times interview. "The line can get blurred."

This ambiguity could open the door to taxation and complicated rules on separation that make any government funded project all but impractical for religious organizations.

The separation imposed by the state may also extend to the type of counseling the centers could offer. Leaders may not be able to advise on religious issues and groups might not be allowed to start with prayer, because such action would be considered an infringement of grant provisions for religious separation. This might prove an unfavorable situation for religious groups who want to help those who come to their centers both physically and spiritually.

Yet, Bush's plan does have merit, and shouldn't be simply discarded as the president's way of trying to inject the country with religious initiatives. Religious organizations are full of people who care about the well-being of society and often have time to dedicate to helping others. Federal money working hand in hand with religious social programs could give a boost to many of the country's social agendas.

The plan needs rethinking before it is ready to be put in place. Perhaps a better option for Bush would be to make it easier for religions to obtain grants for centers that are not located adjacent to religious facilities and where religious separation could be more easily maintained.

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VIEWPOINT

The award goes to ...

Vulgarity takes top honors at show

By KELLI SKINNER

TV watchers couldn't help knowing about Hollywood's big gala-event broadcast Sunday night, as channels showcased Hollywood's latest stars.

If you didn't see the live coverage, you certainly could see coverage for days afterward everywhere in the news.

This year's event has been a healthy reminder of the absurdity of such events that don't merit airtime on public airwaves even if they do win ratings.

Traditionally these award-ceremonies (Academy awards, Emmy awards, Grammy awards, and any other "my" awards) have been a celebration of the preceding year's best in art, music, film and television.

However, such ceremonies have deteriorated to fashion shows and popularity contests as actors and actresses alike parade around in their enormously expensive designer attire and their borrowed jewels, only to be made a mockery through "Best/Worst Dressed" lists the following year.

The Golden Globe awards for 2003 created quite a disturbance as U2 lead singer Bono's acceptance speech included a raw vulgarity on live TV.

And just a few weeks ago, actress Patricia Heaton walked out of the American Music Awards because of what she termed "an onslaught of lewd jokes and

off-color remarks."

Heaton noted the offensiveness of one performer's graphic references ... and Sharon Osbourne's joke about what she called Mariah Carey's "fake" endowments."

She concluded that the experience was an affront to anyone with a shred of dignity, self-respect and intelligence."

This year's ceremonies, of course, are not an anomaly — many ceremonies have featured profanity, crass humor and scantily-dressed guests. Their manners demean the artists and the art they are applauding (which is sometimes degrading) itself.

Additionally, many see them to be a ploy for the entertainment industry itself to advertise what the American public "must see" that year, what they should consider as artful entertainment and who or what they should value.

That is not to say that none of the exhibited entertainment is high-quality and laudable, or that its artists and performers aren't truly gifted and deserving of praise.

But the trend seems to be that these award ceremonies are becoming more and more a scene of pageantry and vulgarity, which, if the trend continues, deserve neither respect nor a place in network television.

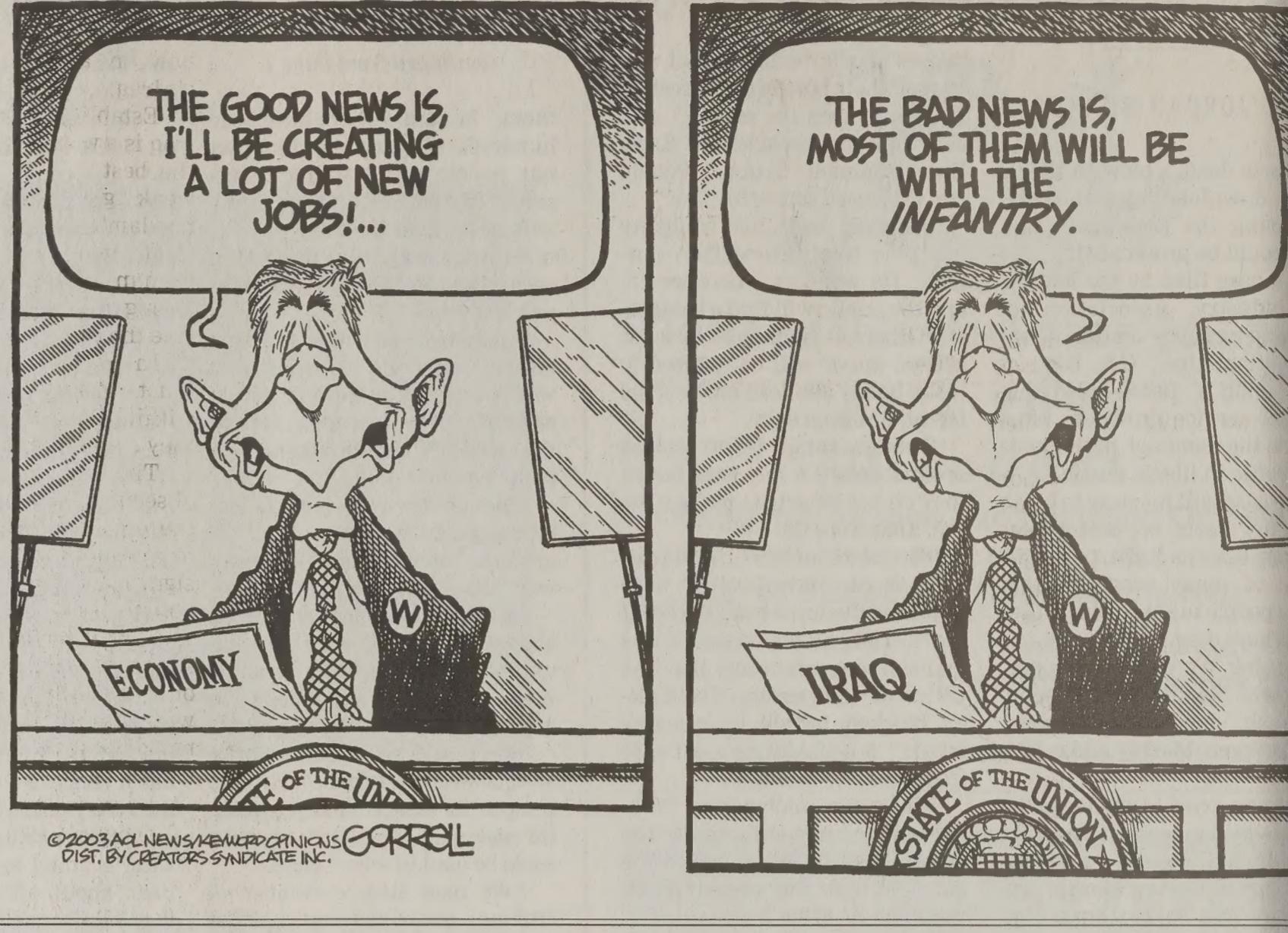
So why do we continue having these kinds of ceremonies publicized on national TV?

AS I SEE IT

By CLAY JONES



A DIFFERENT VIEW



By BOB GORRELL

[Readers' Forum]

All right to be white

Most would agree that not hiring or admitting a person because they are "purple" is racism. If so, then how is not racism to not hire or admit a person because they are not diverse enough and are just white?

Because of affirmative action I may not be admitted or hired because I am not deemed diverse enough. "White" people are lumped into one category because of the color of their skin and yet this is not considered racism. My heritage and my culture are completely different than those of my neighbor, yet because of the color of our skin we are both the same and not diverse. We are just white.

Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision was not to see his race or any other race receive special privileges because of skin color — It was to see people judged by the content of their character. Affirmative action does not allow that. It requires that skin color play a factor in who is admitted or hired and who is not.

Racism is real, and yes it will always be with us. As long as people like Jesse Jackson can make millions of dollars by sustaining a racial divide in our country it will be here. As long as companies and schools are forced to consider race it will be here. It cannot be controlled through affirmative action as it stands today.

I have never benefited from slavery! All that I have in this world is by the hand of the Lord and because my parents taught me to live by the sweat of my brow. But because of affirmative action, that may not be good enough!

ERIC SORENSEN
Henderson, Nev.

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Minority report

Here's a vocab lesson — Minor group having little power or representation relative to other groups with society.

In case you didn't realize it, women are minorities who have also benefited from affirmative action than anyone else.

Face the facts. White men have power in this world. Women and minorities will always be 500 behind them unless more people fight for true equality.

Affirmative action won't change hearts of men nor will it solve inequality, but it does provide minorities with a step in the door. Affirmative action not be the best way to ensure opportunity, but I don't see anyone giving up with a better solution. Right it's all we've got.

I didn't have anything to do with Mormon pioneers — my father my grandfather didn't, and I am sure my great-grandfather didn't because I'm Mormon, I'm concerned about the welfare of all people. But we are American, we should be concerned about the welfare of all Americans, not just the white men.

You have the entire pie; all we are a bite.

SARAH LYNN ROBERTS
Longmont,

Pass privilege

The Marriott Center and the state now require that we have our IDs us because those tickets and seats are the use of students only.

You say that you have paid for seats. I say that we All Sports Passers have been blessed. If you attend the activities that you can with the you will have paid just pennies for event. This is a privilege that only students should have.

I feel slighted when I see some guy and his young son sitting in a perfectly good student seat. It is the students' section! If you are a student not show it through your ID. It is a heavy thing to carry. Just keep it a same place as your All Sports Pass!

To those that have complained the cost of a pass — If you feel cents per game are too much, then pay. We have that option at this school. Many other universities require you pay a \$100-\$300 fee whether you attend the games.

JOSHUA REDD

Vancouver,

South stats revealing

In response to "Racism Real," I am writing specifically to counter an idea that the author insinuated: that racism is worse in the South than in other places.

While there is not a perfect correlation between racism and incidents of hate crimes, the number of hate crimes committed in each state can be used as a general meter of the level of racism. The South, with a combined population of 91,629,859, accounted for 1,800 hate crimes in 2001.

In other words, the South, with 32.2 percent of the U.S. population, accounted for 18.6 percent of the total hate crimes. Southern states have less criminal racism than other states. California (12.1 percent of the U.S. population) accounts for 23.2 percent of the hate crimes all by itself.

I don't present these statistics in an attempt to justify racism in the South, or anywhere. Racism is morally and socially unacceptable. I am only trying to dispel the notion that Southerners are more racist than the rest of the country. Don't blame racism on the South!

CRAIG JANIS
Coppell, Texas

The Native Americans were enslaved and slaughtered as were African Americans. Does anyone consider the Jews that were enslaved and slaughtered at the hands of Hitler and the ancient Pharaohs? What about the Middle Eastern and African races that are currently slaughtering one another because of race or religion?

Ironically, all of my persecutors were African Americans. Every day I was fed the rhetoric that blacks were being racially discriminated against, yet they were the ones persecuting everyone else.

I believe this stems from a reverse racism that attempts to correct and amend the past. Blacks are constantly claiming racial injustice with no consideration for other races that are oppressed. This country was not just "built on the backs of slaves," but was stolen and beaten from the hands of the Native Americans.

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African Americans are not the only ones who have experienced racial injustice. We should promote awareness of these injustices — but of all races. By focusing on the racial injustices of only one race and not all of the others is a racial discrimination itself and is not a solution.

If our society focused on being decent human beings there would be no need for affirmative action. We need to remember that everyone is belongs to the same race — the human race.

BENJAMIN RABNER

Springville

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[Scripture]

Of the Day

"And I answered him, saying: Yea, it is the love of God, which shedeth itself abroad in the hearts of the children of men; wherefore, it is the most desirable above all things."

1 NEPHI 11:22



Kelli Anderson

Anderson, 19, a sophomore from Provo, majoring in psychology, likes this scripture because "it says that the love of God can be in the hearts of the children of men and when it's there you can be truly happy."

Where can I sign up for tickets to the periodicals section? Do I have to wear a wristband? Will I be turned away if I'm not wearing the fly gear?

OK, I know that sounds extreme. I can't understand why the periodicals section is such a Jimmy Jam. The problem is that I actually have to go to books in that club, and because there is so packed I can't find anywhere.

Maybe they have a VIP section where I can chill and get free drinks. It wouldn't be a big deal. The bouncers by the exit would let me in of the room with a book, but that's going to happen.

So can we do something about it? I make reservations? Can't people each other out and get together at the Wilkinson Center or Club Smith? And Drug or something?

RYAN MAYER

Salt Lake City

is my leader

the politicians that we selected are poised to start a war. It is important for each citizen to decide whether he/she wants the war.

we often express gratitude for extra guidance that we, as citizens, receive from the Book of Mormon. In this most serious of times—when the world seems to be dividing into two camps, of good and evil, and as the tens of thousands hang in the balance—it would seem wise to seek the word of God as we individually decide whether to support or oppose the war.

Book of Mormon teaches that going to war is just (only when 1) it is in self-defense and 2) when God specifically commands it. It forbids us to go to war, or war for the sake of peace (3 Nephi 3:20-21).

war George Bush proposed against Iraq is pre-emptive, and is in effect offensive. Bush's rhetoric of good and evil, God in no way justifies the death and carnage that will come from an attack on Iraq. We support this unjust war because politicians who are advocating it, it is likely we will be held accountable and the blood of dead Iraqi children will come upon our heads.

A Nephite nation was created for offensive war, how we presume that we can share similar fate? The "secular" war planners promise that violence will only bring terrorist attacks of which we have already suffered.

to preserve America: the war. Show some patriotism and ask our politicians to follow their course. Should we seek salvation in Christ, or in teachers and politicians?

God be our leader, not Bush.

WILL VAN WAGENEN
Salt Lake City

uting religion

le secular teachers are encouraged to inject conversation into their classes where appropriate. I found teachers of religious studies seem inhibited to give sermons on the gospel sake of academic goals.

ometimes wonder why the goal of religious education is excellent spirituality rather than excellent academics.

One may argue they are unusual, why am I so unusual by the average teacher of religion?

glad to report I currently an excellent religion teacher but he is an uncharacteristic exception.

views if the Department of Education mimicked the Institute of Religious Studies could say with sincerity that U has genuine priority on religious education, rather than an impious academic-religious education.

BENSON TRENTHAM
Church Hill, Tenn.

Professors: War presents too many questions

Opinion

BY DONNA LEE BOWEN,
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The following is a special opinion editorial written by members of the Department of Political Science. In light of current events, it has been published to give fair coverage to all sides of the controversy.

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There is no more sobering debate in a democracy than whether to go to war. Unlike a country that is invaded and must respond quickly, the decision to invade Iraq is one that can accommodate a full discussion of U.S. national interests and the principles that we seek to follow.

As teachers of politics and international relations, our careers are dedicated to studying national security, the rule of law in international affairs and the causes and consequences of war. Virtually everyone recognizes that Saddam Hussein is a tyrant responsible for monstrous atrocities and that Iraq has ignored a number of United Nations resolutions.

We also realize that the threat of invasion may produce the removal of Saddam, and we

would welcome that result.

The question before the American people, however, is whether it is in our interest as a nation, and consistent with our long-standing principles, to now invade Iraq. It is our judgment that it is not in our interest to do so. We can win the battle with Iraq, but we cannot win all the conflicts that will follow.

The United States is currently involved in a difficult and crucial war against terrorism. Al Qaeda poses a greater threat to the U.S. than does Iraq, and the scope of this conflict is worldwide.

Military wisdom argues against opening a second front until the first front is secured unless the provocation is overwhelming.

All wars result in unintended consequences. In attacking Iraq to make the United States secure, we may in fact heighten our insecurity and the insecurity of countless citizens of other states.

If Saddam is overthrown, what happens next in Iraq? Successful military occupations are very rare. Those that worked have in common a belief that their way was wrong and the conqueror's ways are right.

Because many Iraqis hate Saddam, many will indeed welcome his removal. But hating Saddam does not mean they will welcome our occupying forces.

If our forces are seen as illegitimate, they become targets of terrorism for years to come. Under these circumstances,

how long are we willing to occupy Iraq?

Establishing democracy in Iraq is a worthy goal, but is war the best way to achieve it? A weak government replacing Saddam's regime might invite civil war and widespread human suffering, while a strong government could replicate the current tyranny.

In most cases, democracy must grow gradually from within. Outsiders can help, but they cannot impose democracy.

The President's new national security strategy has shifted the emphasis from deterrence to preemption. Preemption is a significant departure from past policy.

Such a fundamental shift in American policy requires serious debate. Deterrence has worked even in the face of far more serious and immediate threats.

We can monitor Iraq and still be prepared to invade Iraq if it threatens to attack the United States or other nations. Working with its friends and allies, the United States can contain Iraqi military forces

and any weapons of mass destruction until there is clear evidence Saddam is prepared to use them.

War theory, international law, and the UN Charter all agree that states can defend themselves, but when undertaking a preemptive attack, states must show necessity and immediacy. These are not just fancy words.

An attack on Iraq would set a dangerous precedent of pre-emptive war. Many nations will judge an American preventive attack as unjustified.

A U.S. invasion will weaken the commitment of all nations to the rule of law and international cooperation. Why should we care?

Because it is in our interest to use our military might wisely, and whenever possible, to support international law and to work with other nations to reduce violence and lack of respect for fundamental human rights.

It is not in our national interest to be the world's policeman. We cannot afford to take on the task of removing all the

world's tyrants who possess weapons of mass destruction.

We oppose this war at this time. We realize that just before the November 2002 election, Congress gave President Bush the authority to enforce U.N. Security Council resolutions concerning Iraq and to use any means to defend U.S. national security interests.

Even so, in a democracy, continued public debate is essential.

We urge members of Congress to review their support for a pre-emptive attack on Iraq and we urge citizens to engage more fully in a discussion of our vital national interests.

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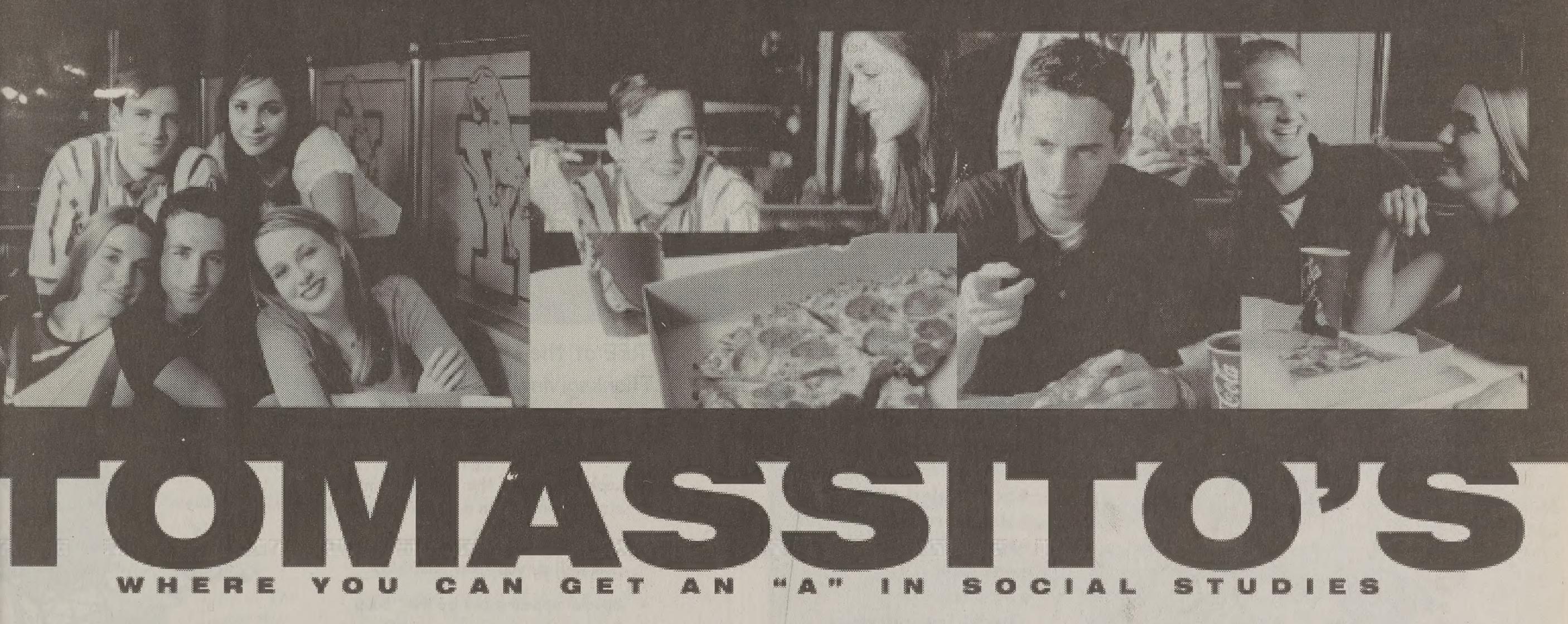
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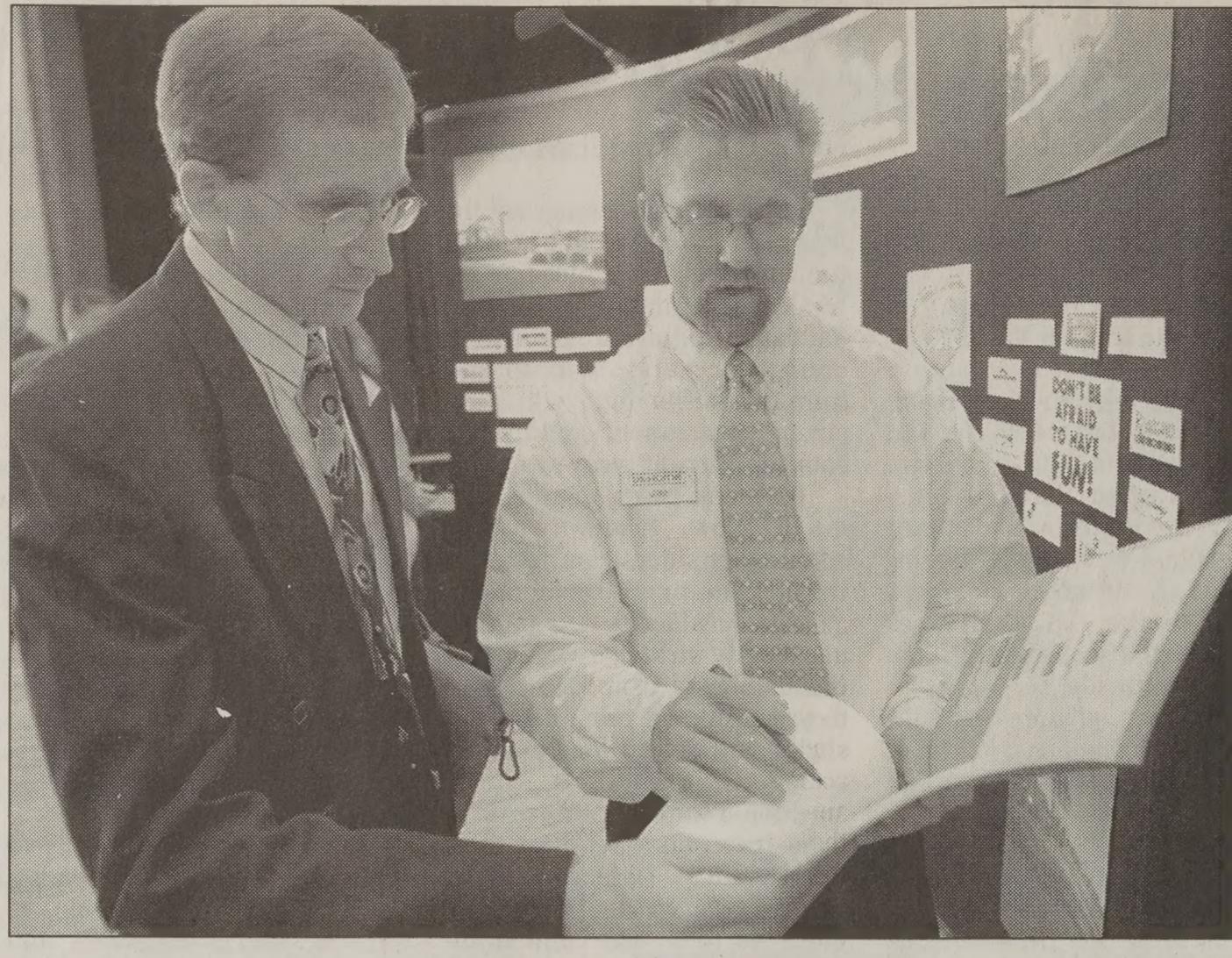
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GETTING A FOOT IN THE DOOR

Mike Duff (left), a construction management major, visits with Jim Meadows Lennar of Family of Business at the Career Fair Wednesday.

Photo by Corey Perrine



Professor: Turkey unique in Muslim world

By DEANNA DEVEY

Turkey occupies a unique position in the Islamic world, said a University of Utah professor Wednesday.

The Kennedy Center lecture emphasized that even though Turkey's population is almost 100 percent Muslim, the country does not have the same anti-West sentiments as other Islamic areas.

"Anti-Westernism and anti-

Americanism is not inherent in Islam," said Hakan Yavus, a University of Utah political science professor, who is originally from Turkey.

In fact, Turkey has a democratic government and wants to join the European Union.

Yavus said there are seven "zones" of Islam. The lecture focused on three of those zones.

Comparing the Arab zone and the Persian zone to the Turkish zone, Yavus explained how the

discrepancy in attitudes toward the West originated.

"Arab zone is very anti-West, anti-Europe, anti-United States — rightly so because of colonial legacy," Yavus said. "The resources of this region were utilized by the colonial entities."

The anger created by colonization fueled a nationalism focused on hating the West.

This created an external jihad, Yavus said.

"Jihad in a way became a doc-

trine to find and fight your enemy, and that enemy was very much defined by European colonial entities," Yavus said.

The oil in the Arab and Persian zones contributed to problems, Yavus said. The state became wealthy and distributed the income from the oil and undermined the work ethic in the region.

"We think we know the past, and we can shape and determine these societies," Yavus said.

Lab helping students publish

By MARISSA WIDDISON

When Brett Condon was given a writing assignment in his Honors 200 class, he never thought it would someday be purchased by the *New Era*.

Now, thanks to the BYU Publication Lab, this 19-year-old freshman, majoring in English, from Spokane, Wash., will probably get to see his story in print.

Housed in 2721 HBLL, the publication lab provides free help to students of all majors who want to publish their work. The lab's employees give drop-ins one-on-one consultations and conduct workshops. The lab will also begin hosting guest lecturers this semester.

The first lecture will be at noon today in Room 1080 HBLL and feature Caroline Campbell. As a free-lance writer, Campbell has published more than 600 articles and several books.

"(Campbell) is very pragmatic about how to break into publishing," said Colleen Whitley, co-director of the lab. "Her message is obviously valuable for people who plan to become writers, but she also has a lot to say to people who feel strongly about various subjects and want to know how to get their message out."

Representatives from Deseret Book, who will visit the lab in March, are among the lab's upcoming guest speakers.

Although the purpose of the lab is to help BYU's student writers, its example might soon be helping thousands of students on campuses across the nation.

The Conference on College



Photo by Heather Winn

Thomas Wolfe Kohler, 23, a senior from McLean, Va., majoring in English and Hillary Jarvis, 18, a freshman from Salt Lake City, both work at the library's publication lab. The lab helps students get their stories in print.

Composition has awarded BYU a one-and-a-half-hour timeslot to present a workshop about the lab at the national conference this March.

"That we were accepted to present at the conference is, I believe, recognition that this is an important mentoring service," said Deirdre Paulsen, lab co-director, who will be one of BYU's spokeswomen at the conference.

The conference will be from March 19-22 in New York City. According to Paulsen, it attracts approximately 5,000 college teachers and administrators, some who have expressed interest in starting a national journal

to present a workshop about the lab at the national conference this March.

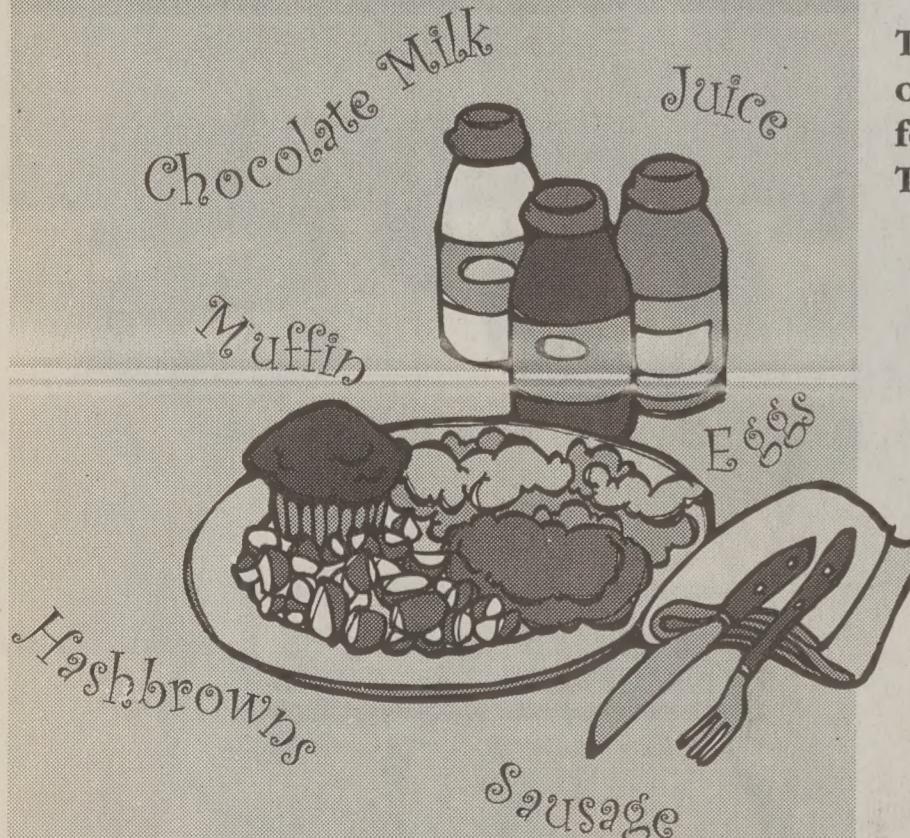
The BYU Publication Lab opened with regular hours last fall. Since then, it has helped at least 60 students publish articles in magazines such as *Blue Grass Magazine* and the *New Era*.

Condon said he is glad he took his work to the lab.

"The people at the publication lab were helpful," Condon said. "They took me through the process quickly and nicely. They told me everything I needed to know. I did it all, sent off my paper, and a little bit later I got a letter from the *New Era* saying they had purchased my story for \$25 and intended to publish it."

According to Paulsen, the lab helps hundreds of students during some weeks.

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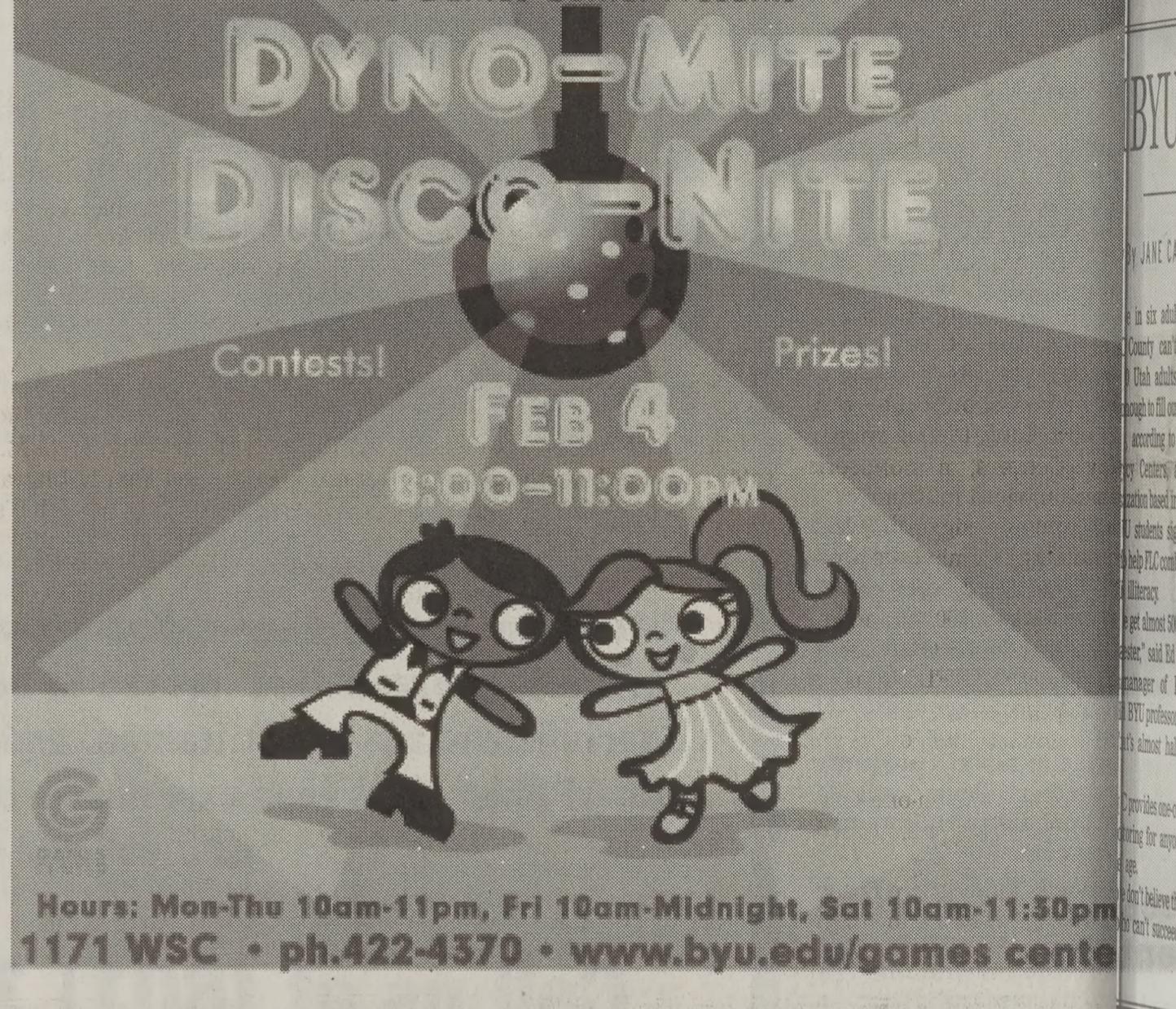
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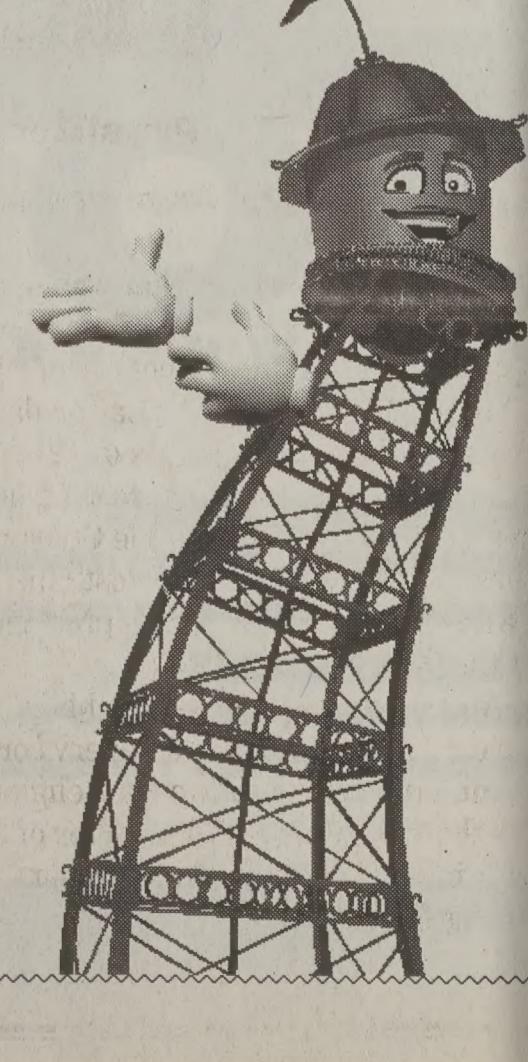
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Women plan for careers, family

BY JENNIFER YATES

While growing up, Kari Thacker, 19, dreamed of becoming a forensics examiner for the FBI.

"I was the typical feminist when I was younger," said Thacker, who is a sophomore at the University of Washington, majoring in English teaching.

"I wanted my independence and freedom to do what I choose."

Thacker said she changed her mind when her mom sat her down and explained why she always stayed home.

Thacker now promised to not go into a career until after her children were raised," Thacker said.

"I wanted me to know that she came first and should be first."

After two years, Thacker's mother was running to enter the work force after her youngest child graduated from high school.

In the meantime, Thacker decided her career to English teaching, accomplishing two goals at once: preparing to become a mother and finding a way to help other people.

Such a scenario is rare at BYU. In more than one occasion, a female student can apologize for her possible future career, without asking about the value and worth of that education and its real uses.

Recent Women's Studies

Professor, Kerry Hammock,

Administrator at the Open Major

Placement Center, emphasized

the need for young women to

brand their potential not

as a mother.

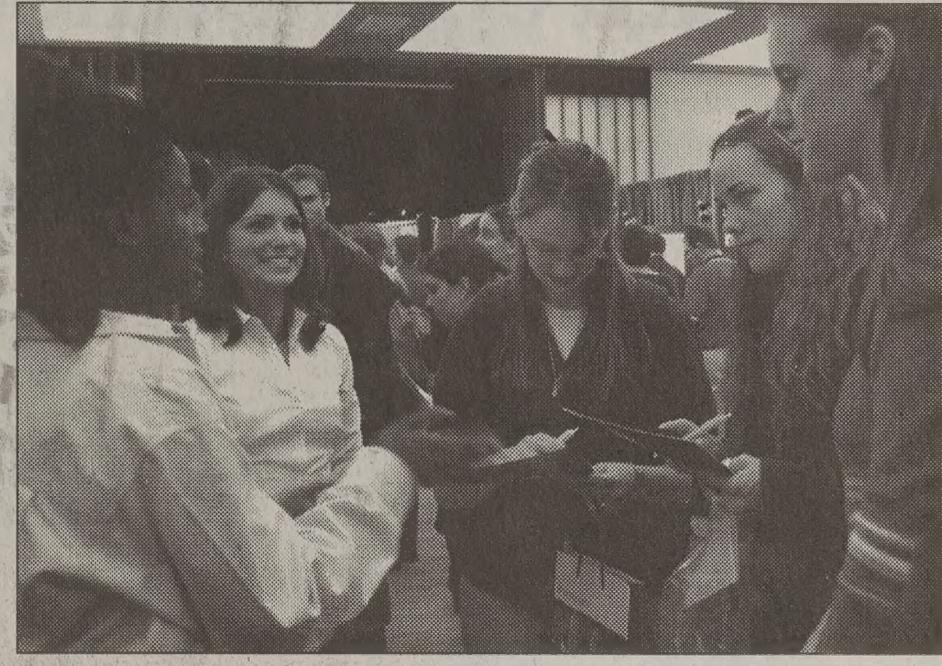


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Tara Leach and Kara Bleazard of Household International talk to BYU students Kyle Waterman, an English major from Sandy; Julia Jorgenson, a pre-nursing major from Sandy; and Sara Swingle, a fine arts major from Murrieta, Calif., during Wednesday's Career Fair.

"Instead of saying I need something to fall back on," Hammock said. "It should be something you can step up on."

Recent research by the Women's Studies Department showed different initiatives play a major role in younger and older women on campus, Hammock said.

"Every person's life takes very different routes," Hammock said. "Someone will always judge your decision."

It is more of how people perceive females pursuing a certain type of career, Hammock said.

One woman interviewed during the recent study said every time she was asked why she was taking Chemistry 335, she would respond that she enjoyed chemistry rather than revealing she was studying engineering.

One of the greatest obstacles for women is other women,

Hammock said. Women were more critical of their peers and the career in which they were pursuing.

"Choices are dependent upon peer pressure," Hammock said.

Hammock suggested women should identify female role models on campus who are successful in their careers.

"Get to know that person," Hammock said.

More and more women are finding needs to enter the work force and join their male counterparts in providing a successful home environment for their children that sometimes comes with strings attached.

"It is up to you to decide," Hammock said.

"Preparation is key. Career paths come in different ways. Women may fit more than one career in life."

Students get networking nudge from alumni lunch program

By ERICA STARR

"Take a Cougar to Lunch," a new program created by the Student Alumni Association and the Career Placement Center, allows students to register online to receive a free lunch and an opportunity to learn and network with willing alumnus.

Glen Sanders, a BYU student majoring in accounting, created the Web site where students and professionals can register. Once they register, Sanders matches the student and professional together according to their professional and personal interests and e-mails the student who then must initiate the meeting.

"Students hate to hear that they have to network. It's an abstract idea most of the time, but this will give them an instant connection that they can grab onto."

Glen Sanders
BYU student

probably won't get matched if they do that."

After only a few days, over 150 students have registered to participate.

Students should know this is not a job interview, but it could lead to one if students are prepared, Hendricks said.

"This is a one-time mentoring

session where students can initiate the conversation," Hendricks said. "Students should bring a résumé and research questions that they can ask that will help them get an idea of what they want in a job."

Hendricks and Sanders said many alumni will sign up because they love to come back and reconnect with the campus. Emerti is a sector of the Alumni Association for BYU alumni who have been members for over 40 years or who are retired. The president of Emerti, Quinn McKay, graduated from Harvard and has several great connections for "Take a Cougar to Lunch."

"Take a Cougar to Lunch" is all based upon the alumni or professionals," Hendricks said. "We must have enough alumni or professionals to sign up in order to match them with the students."

To register or to learn more about the program, go to <http://alumni.byu.edu/saa/takeacougartolunch.cfm>.

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BYU students combat illiteracy in Utah

BY JANE CARTER

ing something," said Denece Kitto, educational liaison for FLC.

With over 30 centers in Utah, FLC provides services to over 1,000 students every year.

FLC helps to combat illiteracy by training volunteers to tutor others.

"We teach parents, we teach tutors, we teach teachers how to use this material," Kitto said.

More than 30 students attended training at BYU's University Parkway Center Wednesday to become tutors.

Training to become a tutor includes learning consonant and vowel sounds, reinforcement and how to use FLC's program. Initial training is only an hour and a half and can be done online at FLC's Web site, www.flcinc.org.

"The beauty of this program is how simple it is — how simple the books are, how simple the

training is, how simple it is to actually teach reading to children," Kitto said.

Kitto says that becoming a tutor has more benefits than immediately realized.

"Even though I was an education major, I did not learn the skills of how to teach reading until I came upon Family Literacy's program," Kitto said. "That's really sad. I know there are other teachers out there who feel as I do."

Amanda Earnshaw, a sophomore from Park City, majoring in theater education, plans to become a tutor with FLC. She attended a training session at BYU.

"I am excited to see it in action," Earnshaw said.

Earnshaw said the training she received will help her teach her own children later in life.

"The tutoring will provide beneficial practice for students to use immediately with a student they might tutor or with children they might be parents to someday," Kitto said.

The Parkway Center, located in University Parkway Center, is one of the many centers operated by FLC.

Since January, the number of students being tutored at the center has doubled to 50, said center director Joan Hill.

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An educator by profession, his career includes service as supervisor of Seminaries and Institutes of Religion for the Church and as a member of the Administrative Council of Brigham Young University.

He studied at Weber College and subsequently earned his bachelor of science and master of science degrees from Utah State University. He received an EdD in educational administration from BYU. He is the author of a number of books and other published works.

President Packer is a native of Brigham City, Utah, and he served as a bomber pilot in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

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Russian quartet makes stop at BYU

By BERNICE MADSEN

Instead of celebrating in their homeland, the St. Petersburg String Quartet has traveled to the United States for St. Petersburg's upcoming 300th anniversary.

Ken Crossley, performing arts chair, said he finds it interesting that the quartet agreed to perform at BYU during the anniversary year of St. Petersburg, but is very excited for their performance.

The quartet has been on tour in various locations including Ann Arbor, Mich. and Baltimore, and their next stop is Provo.

"We are playing as much as we can to celebrate," said Alla Aranovskaya, first violinist and one of the original four. "We feel by playing, we are promoters of St. Petersburg."

The majority of their programs include pieces by Russian artists, both from the past as well as new and upcoming composers.

The remainder of the pieces have some association to Russia.

In this way, the quartet is able to musically celebrate St. Petersburg with the rest of the world.

"We are all very interested in playing at Brigham Young University," said Aleksey Koptev, quartet violist. "Personally for me, it's going to be the first time I am in Utah and I am very excited about coming there."

Both Aranovskaya and Koptev said they were looking forward to seeing Utah's beautiful nature and environment.

"Just look at the mountains," Koptev said. "To take a look at that, you would be interested in coming here (to Utah)."

It is interesting that the quartet agreed to perform at BYU during the anniversary year of St. Petersburg.

Ken Crossley
Performing arts chair

Aranovskaya said she appreciates the great inspiration she receives from nature when she plays.

Coming to BYU will allow Koptev to practice one of his many hobbies.

Koptev enjoys comparing different cultures.

"I gain a lot from place to place and then go back home and see the differences," Koptev said.

Koptev is the newest member of the quartet and first met the group as a student at the St. Petersburg Conservatory at age 12.

One of the former members of the quartet was his teacher.

When asked to join the quartet, Koptev said he was excited about the new experience.

"My way of making music became professional," Koptev said. But Koptev didn't have to change what he had been doing.

The quartet has been together for 18 years and met at the St. Petersburg Conservatory.

The fame of this quartet has spread quickly from Russia rave reviews in papers throughout Europe and the United States.

Aranovskaya said she never imagined the quartet would become so successful, but is enthusiastic about the opportunity she has to perform all over the world.

"There are few places which we haven't visited, such as Africa," Aranovskaya said. "But we hope we will have the opportunity to go there soon as well."

The world-renowned St. Petersburg Quartet will be playing Saturday, in the Madsen Recital Hall. Tickets are \$9 per person and \$3 off with BYU or student I.D. They will also be conducting a master class, free of charge, at 2 p.m. the same day. For more information, contact the Fine Arts Tickets Office at 378-4322.

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Ballroom Dance dazzles Conference Center

By SARAH THEOBALD

Large crowds are expected at the Conference Center in Salt Lake City as the national champion BYU Ballroom Dance Company performs Friday and Saturday night.

"They're the United States national champion team this year. They won the U.S. championship in formation dance and are preparing for a tour when school ends," said Rex Barrington, assistant director of performing arts management.

"In the end of April they are going to be going to Australia, New Zealand and Tahiti for a four-week tour, so the performance at the Conference Center is not only a chance to see how wonderful they are, but also they are continuing to hone their skills and prepare to be able to go on the road with this major tour."

The team meets for two hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and for an hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

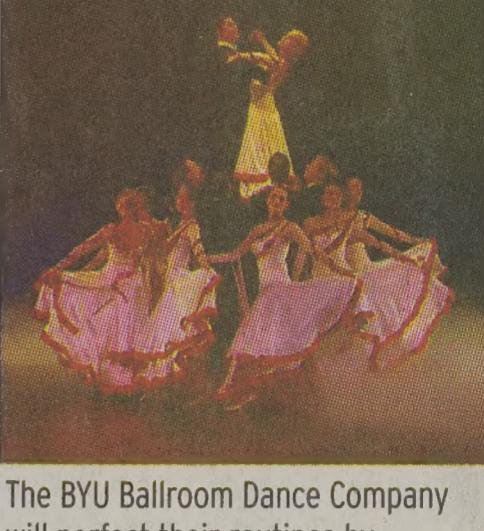
When getting ready for shows, they have Saturday and early morning rehearsals.

"It's a large commitment," said Brent Mecham, 25, a masters student from British Columbia, Canada, studying accounting.

Mecham has been on the ballroom dance team for more than five years now.

This is his third year on the touring team. Five teams with about 36 students on each team are involved in the Ballroom Dance Company.

"There is a missionary aspect, a traveling aspect, and a performing aspect, and I think that all those things come



The BYU Ballroom Dance Company will perfect their routines by performing in the Conference Center.

together to make it a good experience," Mecham said.

The performance will highlight different styles of dance, and the dancers will wear a myriad of vibrant costumes.

"This show will be sharp. The Conference Center audience is

going to see no flaws. We'll be great," Barrington said. "The event will feature dancers beginning at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are being sold on the Web site at www.lds.org. When they are not performing, the Ballroom Dance Company also does community service, such as performances for RAH, a community handicapped center. "We just put on an event for them to dance and show them how to dance and dance for them. We do that every year," said Curt Barrington, director of the side dance program.

"Each of the teams

of numbers just for

then we did a little dance

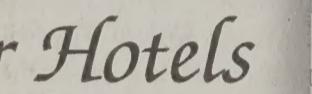
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said. "It was fun. It was

to interact with them."

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Miss Utah speaks on skin cancer at UVSC

By CINTIA PACCHIEGA

Miss Utah addressed malignant melanoma at the "Skin Cancer Prevention Program" at UVSC on Monday.

Inspired by her brother, who when serving a mission in Venezuela acquired malignant melanoma on one of his moles, Natalie Johnson has made skin cancer prevention the platform of her reign.

"One in five people will develop some sort of skin cancer in their life," said Johnson, who is also a mole-mapping technician.

Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer. If it invades the body, it travels to other organs and it is usually fatal, according to the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

In her presentation Johnson said one in 56 people in Utah will acquire malignant melanoma, compared to one in 75 nationwide.

"You are at a higher risk here," Johnson said.

Because of the high altitudes that we live in, exposure to the sun is more damaging, she said.

She recommended that residents wear protective eye gear while skiing to prevent melanoma in the eyes.

"Bob Marley died of malignant melanoma on his toe," Johnson said.

According to the Huntsman Cancer Institute, some of the risk factors for melanoma are fair skin, red hair and freckling.

However, Marley had dark hair, dark skin and dark eyes.

"A lot of people at our age



Photo by Cintia Pacchiega

Natalie Johnson, the current Miss Utah, spoke at UVSC Monday addressing skin cancer, her main platform.

said.

Half an hour in a tanning bed is equal to two hours of sunlight outside.

"You really are baking yourself, if you're in a tanning bed," she said.

According to Tomlinson, her children are very white. They understand the importance of skin protection.

"We need to educate more people, especially the youth," Tomlinson said. You can play basketball without a shirt on, just put some sunscreen on — find a cute gal to put it on for you."

Johnson said 80 percent of a person's lifetime sun damage

occurs within the first 18 years of life and it is very difficult to reverse the effects.

"Melanoma and sunspots cannot be removed with a facelift," she said.

The Crusaders hosted the "Skin Cancer Prevention Program" as well as a luncheon that recognized cancer survivors and families.

During the luncheon, the club presented two scholarships. Teriney Smith and Nicole Pitts were the recipients of the awards. They lost their mothers to breast cancer less than a month ago.

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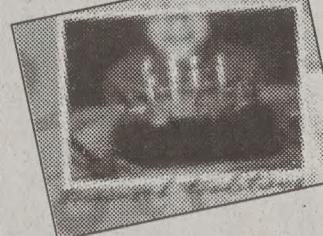
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T-Bird Tournament beckons BYU

Softball team returns to St. George for season opener

By EVELYN BURNS

It's time to see if long practice hours and hard work have paid off for the Cougar softball team as it makes its way to the first tournament of the season.

The players are traveling today to play in the Third Annual Thunderbird Canyon Park Classic in St. George, hosted by Southern Utah University.

The team will kick off its season with a scrimmage against Dixie College this afternoon. The scrimmage is a light warm-up for the players. School uniforms will not be worn, no umpires will be present and the game will not count in the tournament standings.

The game against Dixie will help to prepare the players for two games on Friday against Oregon State and Southern Utah and two games on Saturday against Cal-Poly and Saint Mary's.

"We are ready to stop practicing and start playing," coach Gordon Eakin said. "We are cautiously optimistic about the tour-

nament this weekend."

The softball team has a chance to start with a bang this season. The first game, against No. 23 Oregon State University, is sure to be filled with intense competition. In the tournament last year, Oregon State managed to beat three of its four competitors, excepting BYU. The Cougars beat the Beavers 4-1 last January.

Game two on Friday matches the Cougars against the SUU Thunderbirds. The T-Birds will bring experience, with fifth-year coach Laurel Simmons, and a 12-8 stint in conference play last year.

The record of BYU and SUU play is at even, with 12 victories on both sides.

The first game on Saturday is against the Cal-Poly Mustangs. The Mustangs have had five straight losing seasons, dropping 14 of their last 21 games last season.

BYU has not played against Cal-Poly in the SUU tournament before, and the game could prove to be an exciting first for both teams.

The Cougars will end the tournament against Saint Mary's. The Gaels have 13 of their 16 players returning from last season.

Although the Gaels had a losing season last year, only winning 17 games, the team's experience will still make it a tough competitor for BYU.

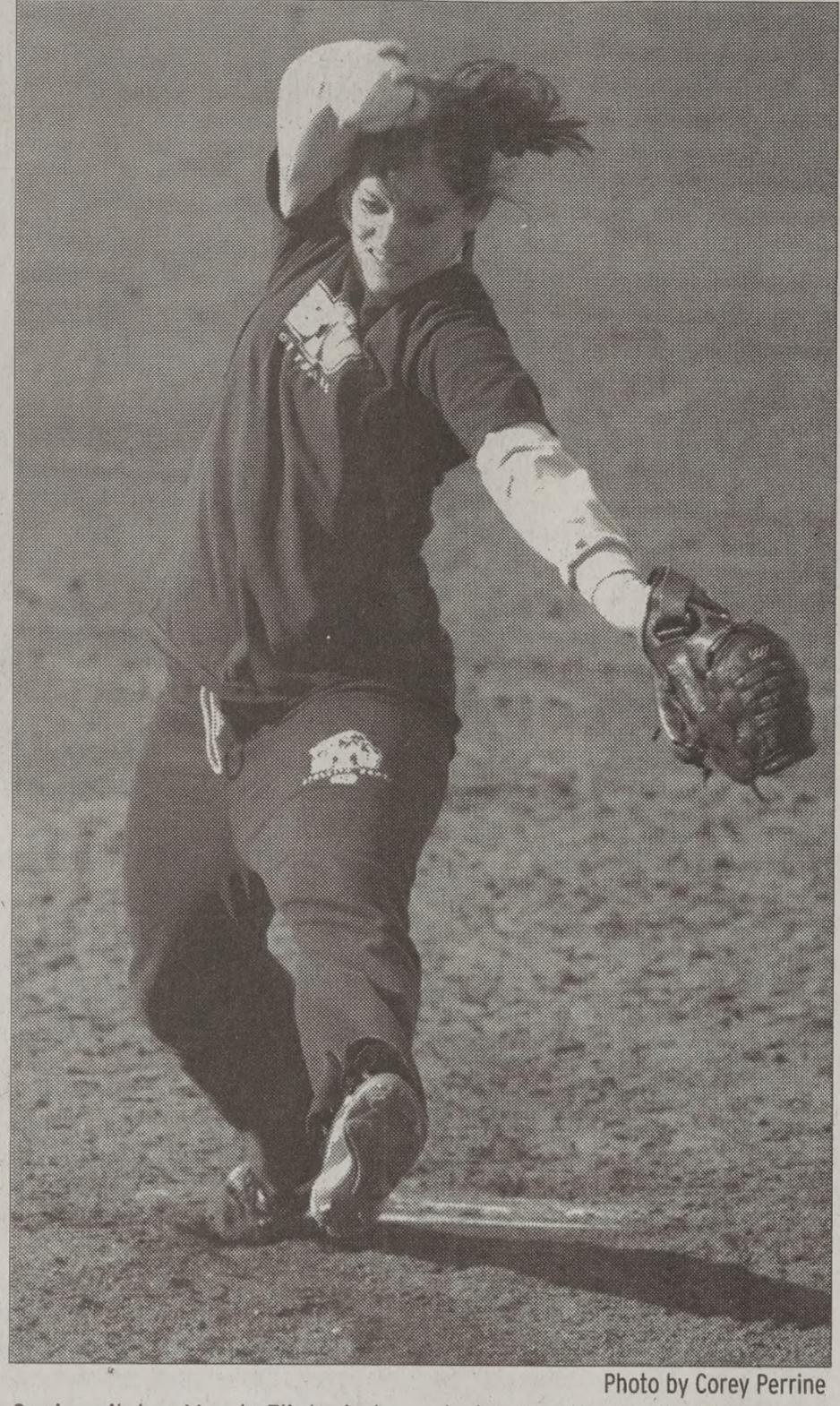


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Senior pitcher Mandy Flint winds up during practice earlier this month. The softball team begins its season in St. George today.

BYU hopes to jump start season in Arizona

Cougars look to avoid slow starts of seasons past

By BRANDON KOLDITZ

Increased confidence, team unity and abnormally warm January weather in Provo will assist the BYU baseball team in their season opener today at the University of Arizona.

Last year, the Cougars began the season 2-11. In the previous year's opening series, Texas Tech swept BYU in three games.

"If we compare where we are at as a team now to where we were as a team last year, I think it's two totally different stories," junior shortstop Ranger Weins said. "We're more prepared to go in there and win together."

"You never want to say the start of the season is just to get back into game rhythm because we want to go down there in game rhythm," senior first baseman Jake Stubblefield said. "We don't want to have the same start as we did last year."

Weins believes the opposite will happen this time.

"I see no reason why we shouldn't sweep them and come out of there on Sunday with a 3-0 record," Weins said.

After an NCAA Regional Tournament appearance last year, the Cougars believe the confidence that winning brings is being carried over to this year.

"It definitely raised and boosted our confidence level," Weins said. "We know we can play with any team in the country and beat

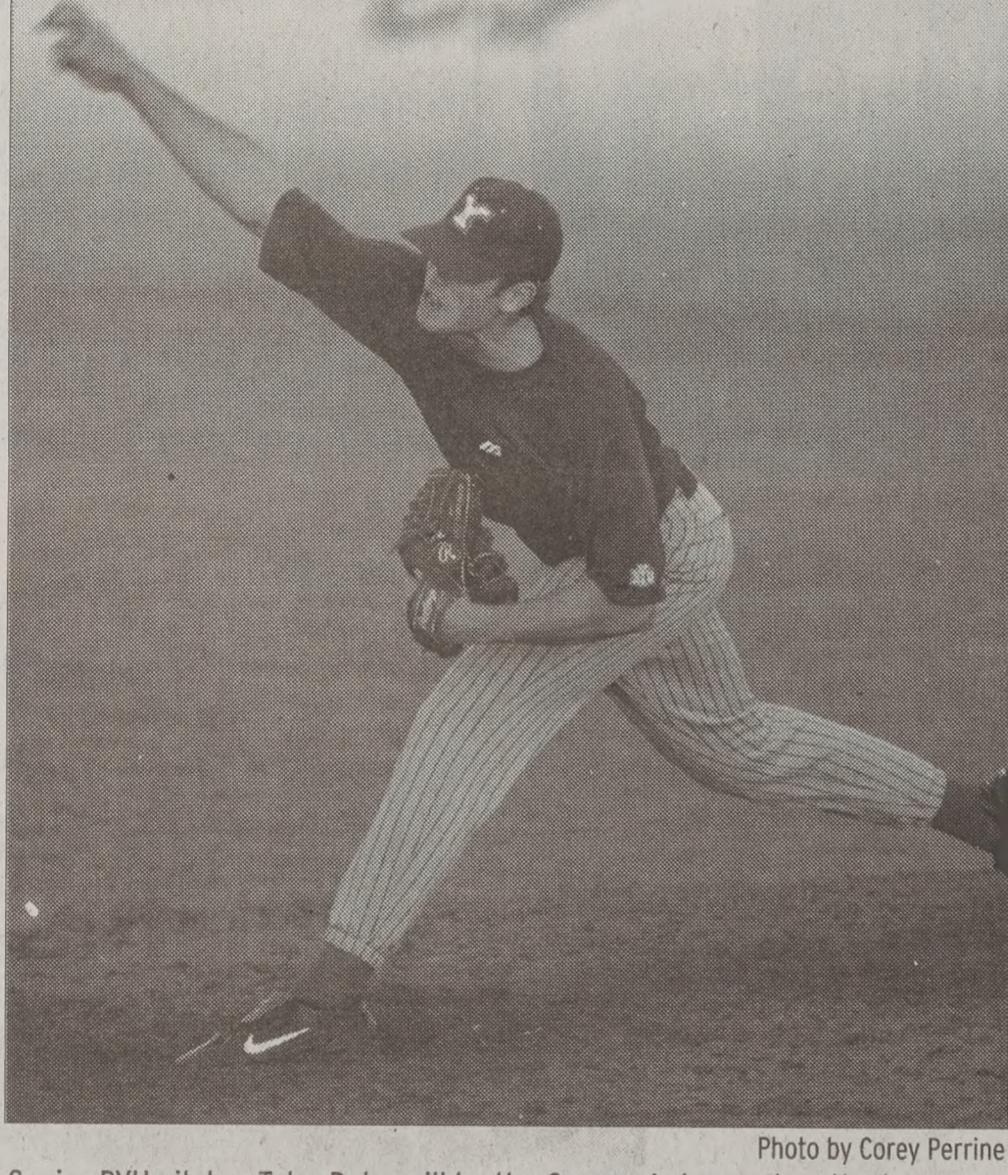


Photo by Corey Perrine

Senior BYU pitcher Tyler Dabo will be the Cougars' closer when the team begins its season at Arizona today.

anybody on any given day."

Arizona was ranked fifth in the Pac-10 preseason coaches' poll. The team finished last season 31-24 and 9-15 in the Pac-10.

Beginning his second season as the Wildcats' coach, Andy Lopez heads up a young and inexperienced team. A total of 22 new faces join the 12 returning players.

"If we can get past their starters and get to their bullpen early, we'll be OK," BYU junior

catcher Adam Wilkes said. "I would say their main weakness is their experience and then their bullpen."

The warm January weather has been different from past years. For the first time since Wilkes can remember, the Cougars have been able to play outside for the final two weeks of winter practice.

"I think we expect a lot more of ourselves since we've been outside," Wilkes said.

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Associated Press

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Sloan and official Courtney Kirkland exchanged words face-to-face in the first quarter of the Jazz's 102-92 victory at Sacramento on Tuesday night.

The coach argued that Kings guard Doug Christie stepped out of bounds on the sideline right near where Kirkland was standing. Sloan got down and put his hand on the spot where he thought Christie stepped out.

Sloan then pushed Kirkland in the chest and was ejected. As Sloan was escorted away by arena security, he motioned for Kirkland to come toward him.

"I couldn't understand him with all the noise, but I know he wasn't good," Kirkland said after Tuesday night's game. "I have sensitive ears."

Several Jazz players criticized Kirkland for his reaction.

"Everybody wants to say what lines athletes and coaches shouldn't cross," Jazz forward Karl Malone said. "You've got to have lines for officials, too."

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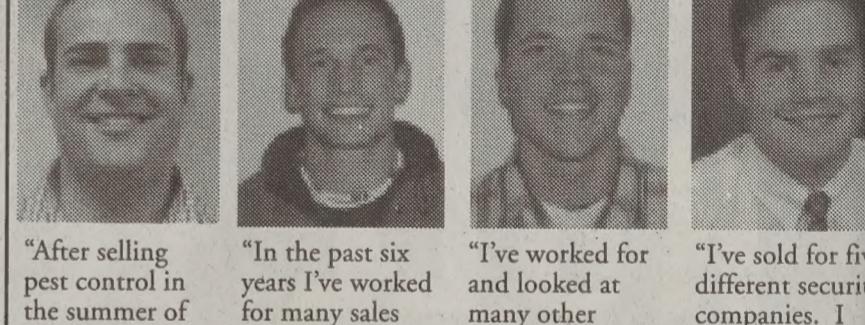
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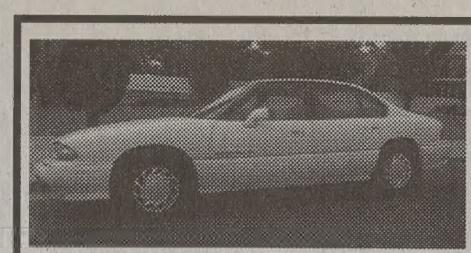
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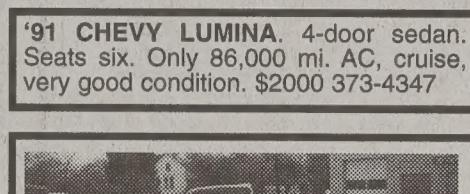
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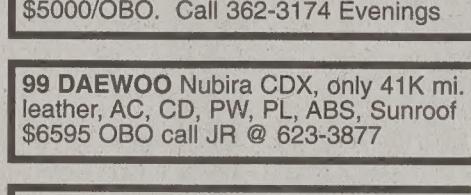
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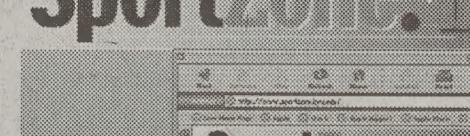
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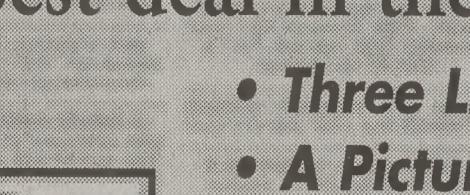
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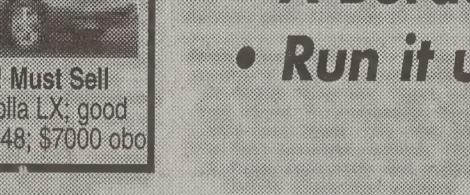
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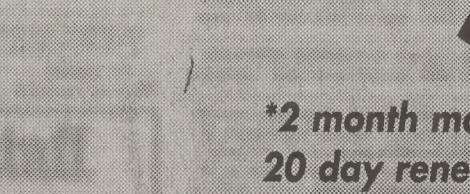
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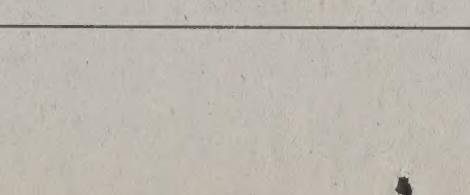
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UVSC newspaper yanked due to defamatory article

3,000 papers removed, corrected paper printed

By LEAH ELISON

The UVSC newspaper staff yanked papers off newsstands Jan. 23 after discovering that a defamatory article had been slipped into the paper.

Michael Strong, the opinion editor for The College Times, snuck an editorial into last Thursday's edition of the newspaper. This edition was the first time Strong, a female, had worked as an editor.

The article accused faculty of changing students' grades and accused students of being involved in an inappropriate sexual relationship worthy of Jerry Springer, according to the Associated Press.

"I think it stunned us; it stunned my staff; it stunned me," said Grant Flygare, director of experiential education.

The newspaper staff discovered Strong's article Wednesday afternoon after 3,000 copies had been distributed across UVSC's campus.

Staff members replaced the tampered copies of the newspaper with 1,000 corrected copies, costing the paper approximately \$750.

"I have been really impressed with them," Flygare said of the newspaper staff. "They did the exact type of things that you would expect with professional journalists. I am really proud of them."

The College Times is student owned and operated, so the student life office will be responsible for any disciplinary action taken

against Strong.

"We don't have any control or oversight of the newspaper," said UVSC spokesman Derek Hall. "But through the student life side of things, there could be repercussions with anyone involved."

Flygare did not say whether the newspaper planned on disciplining Strong.

When staff members tried to confront Strong, they found she had already removed her things from her desk.

Strong began working for The College Times last summer as a staff reporter.

She had previously written editorials about being non-Mormon in Utah and about student-faculty relationships.

In one of her articles, Strong wrote, "The college selected the professors and trusts their judgment and objectivity. Who are we to question the institution?"

Strong accused faculty of showing favoritism to certain students by assigning them easy stories to boost their grades, reported the AP.

She also accused Flygare of helping a student add a class late in the semester in order to boost the student's grade.

According to the AP, UVSC Assistant Professor of communications Phil Gordon affirmed that the student was allowed to add the course late but said that she had been doing the course work all semester.

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Utahn works to help Russian family

Son suffers from brain cancer, mother immobile

By STACEY REED

A Utah woman has tried to bring a suffering Russian woman and her dying child to America for medical care but has been consistently rejected by Utah Valley hospitals.

Larisa Brusnitsyn and her son, Dmitri have been in and out of Russian hospitals for the two years, holding on to the hope that Dmitri may overcome brain cancer.

Not only is Dmitri dying, but his mother, Larisa, suffers from congenital hip disorder, making it almost impossible for her to walk.

"I used to have full control over them," Brusnitsyn said. "It was painful, but I could walk well and even dance, and I had complete control over my legs. And now I don't even feel them. I would never imagined that something like this would happen. I can barely walk. I just don't feel them. I don't feel my legs."

Hope was almost lost for Larisa and Dmitri until Orem resident, Alyona Slowinski, watched a documentary of Larisa's life and Dmitri's condition on a Russian television station, NTV America.

"That night I couldn't go to sleep," Slowinski said. "I felt like I should do something but what could I do, I am just one

person."

Since then Slowinski has tried many ways to get help for the baby and the mother. She has contacted Primary Children's Hospital, University of Utah Hospital, The Orthopedic Specialty Hospital (TOSH), LDS Hospital, ABC television network, and The Daily Herald, without much luck.

"We try to take emergency cases, but we just don't have the capacity to help anyone from anywhere," said Gordon Crabtree, chief financial officer at University of Utah Hospital and Clinics.

Karen Boyce, administrative assistant at Primary Children's Medical Center said Primary Children's Medical Center has a lot of requests for charity care. Boyce said charity cases are a priority on their list and the organization is only allotted a specific amount of resources for international circumstances.

"I'm sorry they live in Russia, but they really are getting adequate care in Russia," Boyce said.

Slowinski has also been in close contact with Brusnitsyn getting all the information possible, including Dmitri's medical records.

Dr. Harold Dunn of the orthopedic department of University of Utah has agreed to contribute his services but hospital administration said they cannot afford to help the mother and child, Slowinski said.

The University of Utah cannot help anyone that isn't a Utah resident, Slowinski said.

"There is quite a high level of demand within the state, it



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gets problematic if we go further than that," Crabtree said.

Crabtree added that last year's total charges for University of Utah charity cases were \$15.7 million.

"Doctors agree to assist, but the problem now is butting heads with hospital bureaucracy," said Amy Barnett, coordinator of International Affairs and deputy director for Utah Russia Institute of Utah Valley State College.

Boyce said she believes there are hospitals closer to Russia that can be of more help than the Primary Children's Hospital.

Dmitri has had two surgeries, two bone marrow transplants and a treatment of chemotherapy.

"Russian physicians have done all they can for Dmitri... the doctors are very limited in

what they have in knowledge and in equipment wise if specific case," Slowinski said.

Slowinski said that now, Dmitri has to wait two months for just a C-Section at University of Utah Clinical Hospital.

"I can't blame the doctors," Slowinski said. "They aren't paid much and I think it's the system makes the hospital like am from Russia and I have opportunity to come to 10 years ago and enjoy the doms and blessings of the In return, I want to help one else."

For more information on how to help Larisa and Dmitri contact Alyona Slowinski at 319-6206. Slowinski has a donation fund through the Bank.

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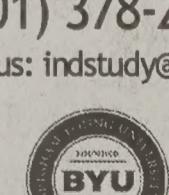
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